

HOUSE RESOLUTION 160

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A RESOLUTION to honor the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc., and welcome the Order's Central States District Conference to Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this body are pleased to recognize and welcome one of the finest religious organizations in our great nation; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc., the largest historically African-American Catholic lay organization in the United States, will be holding its Seventieth Central States District Conference in Memphis on April 1 to 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Lady Jacqueline Mitchell and Knight David Moore are serving as co-chairpersons of this distinguished event; and

WHEREAS, the Order is named for St. Peter Claver, the Spanish priest who ministered to African slaves; founded in Mobile, Alabama, the Knights of Peter Claver is presently headquartered in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the Order's worthy purpose is to provide service to God and His Holy Church, render aid and assistance to the sick and disabled, and promote social and intellectual association among its members; and

WHEREAS, the Order consists of six divisions, which include adult men and women and youth between the ages of seven and eighteen, and is divided into six districts or states across the country; and

WHEREAS, each district or state is represented by a deputy and other officers, and districts, states, and other divisions are represented on the Order's board of directors; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc., is committed to providing solace and aid to society's less fortunate citizens, and the Order's members are Good Samaritans worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc., for its many good works and welcome the Order's members to Memphis for its Seventieth Central States District Conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.